Payment of Central Investment Subsidy

5598. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are cases of payment of Central Investment subsidy still pending with Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the details particularly of cases from Konkan region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme was withdrawn w.e.f. 1.10.1988. Most of the eligible claims amounting to Rs. 127.4 crores have been reimbursed to the State Governments during the year 1990-91. Claims which did not fall within the guidelines for eligibility have been returned to the State Governments.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of the reply at (c), this does not arise.

[*English*]

Declaration of Drought Prone Areas

5601. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for declaring areas as 'drought prone';

(b) whether the Government have made any changes in the criteria;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the achievements made under the Drought Prone Areas Programme and Desert Development Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c). The

[*Translation*]

SC/ST Employees in KVIC

5600. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees and officers in Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the Country;

(b) the number of employees belonging to SC/ST in each category of officers and employees;

(c) whether there is any backlog of vacant posts reserved for SC/ST; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to fill up this back-log?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) There are 244 officers in Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the country. As regards Non-Gazetted staff, the information is being collected.

(b) The number of officers belonging to SC/ST under Group (A) and Group (B) are as follows:

	SC	*ST*	*TOTAL*
Group (A)	18	7	25
Group (B)	24	5	29
(Gazetted)	42	12	54

The information is respect of Non-Gazetted staff is being collected.